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For: A FERRULE HAVING FIRST AND SECOND BODY PORTIONS WITH  
DIFFERENT NOMINAL WIDTHS AND AN ASSOCIATED MOLD AND  
FABRICATION METHOD

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO JULY 26, 2001 OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment and Response is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed on July 26, 2001. Applicants respond as follows:

**RESTRICTION**

In the Office Action mailed July 26, 2001, the Examiner restricted the prosecution of the above-identified application to one of the following: Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to a ferrule; and Group II, Claims 7-16, drawn to a mold for forming a ferrule and the method of fabricating a ferrule.

Applicants hereby elect prosecution of Group I, claims 1-6, with traverse. Group I of Applicants' invention is directed to *a ferrule comprising first and second ferrule body portions*